

Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, July 2, 1842, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Hermitage, July 2, 1842.

. . . . My health is improving slowly, and if I could see that bill extending the revenue laws with its proviso rejected by the senate, or vetoed by the President, I think it would aid in my recovery. 1

1 Jackson evidently refers to the so-called "Little Tariff Bill", which passed the Senate June 15, but was vetoed by Tyler June 29. It continued the rates of the compromise tariff of 1833 for one month beyond July 1, the time when, under that act, they would have been reduced to twenty per cent. The proviso in the bill sought to ensure that the proceeds of the sales of public lands should be distributed among the states.

My family unite with me in the kindest salutations to you and yours—we shall soon be looking out for your son and daughter. Let us not be disappointed in the visit.

I have got the fillies in good condition, they both grow, and my favorite, the two year old, may come up to medium size, but until now she has been badly dealt by. The three year old has size and strength to make a good race this fall, but the two year old will not, but may next spring with good feeding. But Miss Elisa and your son shall make the choice. with heartfelt respect yr. friend.